

FIRE FACT SHEET
Miles City Interagency Fire
Eastern Montana Fire Zone

Date: August 18th, 2006

Time: 0800 hours

Fire Information Contact: Dena Lang, 406-233-2907 / 406-853-0274 (Cell)

Status of Current Fires:

Doonan:

- This fire is on the Custer National Forest, Ashland Ranger District approximately 17 miles southeast of Ashland, MT.
- The fire burned 3 single trees for 1/10 of an acre.
- A local landowner, 2 Private Engines and a Helitack Crew suppressed the fire.
- Control of this fire was at 1730 hours Thursday.

Logging:

- This fire is on the Custer National Forest, Ashland Ranger District approximately 17 miles east of Ashland, MT.
- The fire was 1 acre smoldering and creeping in grass with timber cover.
- 1 BLM engine, 1 Private Contract Engine and the BLM Helitack Crew responded to this fire.
- The fire was controlled at 1600 hours Thursday.

Marvell:

- This fire is on the Custer National Forest, Ashland Ranger District approximately 19 miles northeast of Ashland, MT.
- The fire is burning in grass and light slash.
- It is approximately ½ acre in size.
- 1 BLM Engine and 1 Helitack Crew are on scene.
- The fire has been contained and estimated control is at 1200 on Friday.

Squaw:

- This fire was approximately 30-40 miles north of Sand Springs, MT.
- The fire was less than an acre in size burning on BLM land in Garfield County.
- 1 BLM Engine responded to this fire which has been controlled and demobed.

Horton Hollow:

- This fire is approximately 5 miles southeast of Hathaway, MT in Custer County.
- DNRC, Eastern Land Office is assisting the county with this fire.
- The fire is burning in grass and timber on private land.

Baseline:

- This fire is approximately 11 miles west of Colstrip, MT in the Little Wolf Mountains.
- The fire is burning on private land within Rosebud County.
- It is approximately 5 -10 acres burning in grass and timber.
- 10 Smokejumpers jumped the fire earlier today assisting the Rosebud County VFD Engines.

*** DNRC, Eastern Land Office assisted Rosebud County VFD with numerous other fires including the Rough, West, Santa Fe, Miller Fork, and Green Leaf fires. All fires have been controlled.

Status of Previous Fires:

Elk:

- This fire is approximately 25 miles northeast of Ashland, MT burning on private land and the Custer National Forest, Ashland Ranger District.
- The fire is 60 acres burning in grass and timber.
- 1 BLM, 5 Private, 1 USFS engines; 1 Fuels Module crew; 1 Type 3 Helitack crew; 1 Private dozer; 1 Type 2 Handcrew and local landowners are continuing to mop-up this fire.
- The fire was started from lightning at 0954 hours Tuesday morning.
- Containment was on Thursday at 1204 and control is estimated at 1700 hours on Saturday.
- The fire received some rain Wednesday and Thursday evenings; assisting in mop-up efforts.

Aircraft on fires: 4 Single Engine Airtankers, 2 Air Attack Platforms, 1 Type 3 Helicopter are currently stationed at Frank Wiley Field in Miles City. The State Helicopter is also at the Miles City Airport ready for initial attack.

Weather and Special Concerns: Lightning moved through the zone again on Thursday night. Friday the zone will continue to see a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Temperatures will be cooler in the 70's and relative humidities will be between the 30 – 40 % range. Dry and warmer weather will move back into the zone on Saturday.